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Fig. 1.

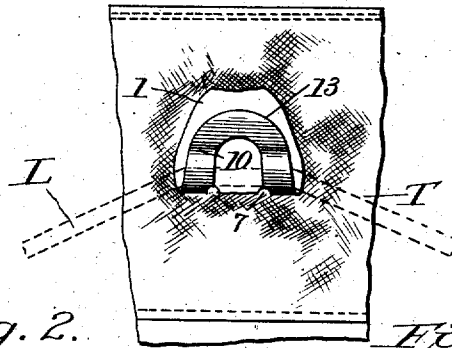


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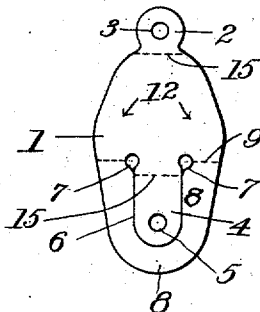


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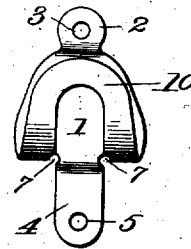


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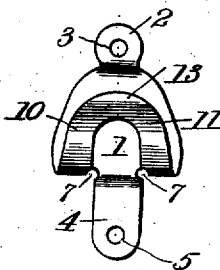
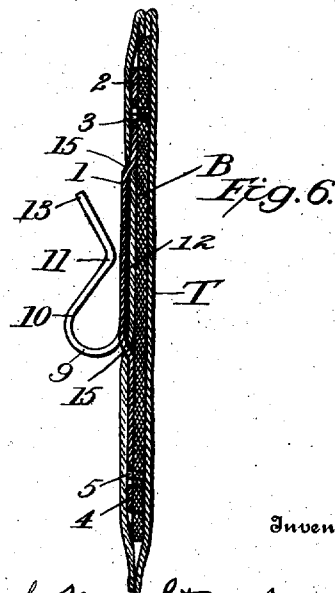
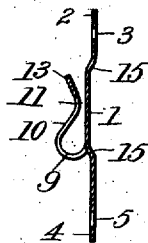


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB M. STEINHARDT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel and more particularly to those devices employed therewith which are known as garment supporters.

The objects of the invention are to produce an improved support for application to one article of apparel and adapted to receive a loop on another, as for instance to be applied to the trousers and receive the loop on the drawers; to obtain such a supporter as shall hold the loop securely and prevent its inadvertent escape; to at the same time enable a ready attachment and detachment of the loop; to economize stock and secure an inexpensive construction; to secure a supporter which shall present a neat and pleasing appearance, and to obtain other advantages and results, as may be brought out in the following description.

The invention consists in the improved garment supporter, substantially as will be hereinafter described and finally set forth in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the several figures, Figure 1 is an elevation of the inner side of a portion of a pair of trousers, showing the location of my improved garment supporter at the waist line thereof, and indicating the loop of the drawers in dotted lines; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank from which the garment supporter is made; Fig. 3 is a similar view with the hook portion given its first bend; Fig. 4 is a similar view with the hook portion given its second bend; Fig. 5 is a central vertical section through Fig. 4, and Fig. 6 is an enlarged section similar to Fig. 5, showing the attachment of the extremities of the garment supporter to the burlap or stiffening in the trousers.

In the drawings the letter T designates the trousers, B the burlap or stiffening within the same on the waist line, and L the loop on the drawers (the latter not shown), which loop may be of tape as usual or of any other suitable material. Garments of this character

now on the market are ordinarily provided with such loops on the outside of their waist-band at points just forward of the hip bones adjacent to the front pairs of suspender buttons and it is common to pass the suspenders through said loops. The present improved supporter may be employed here, and it is in such relation that I have illustrated it, attached to the trousers at that point, on the inner side thereof, with its attaching means concealed,—the attachment being made direct to the burlap or stiffening within the waist-band of the trousers, and the hook proper being adapted to receive the drawers loop.

The garment supporter is struck from a sheet of metal 1 in blank form as seen in Fig. 2, and the die which cuts it out forms an upper ear 2 perforated as at 3, and a lower and longer ear 4 perforated as at 5. The latter ear is cut out of the body of the blank on the U-shaped line 6 whose extremities lead into holes 7 pierced through the blank side by side at about the center of its vertical length, and the peripheral material 8 below the line of these holes and around the outside of the ear 4 is intended to be bent upward on the transverse line 9 into a hook 10 whose throat 11 is bent inward toward and nearly into contact with the body of the blank at the points 12, and whose upper extremity 13 is bent again outward to facilitate the entrance of the loop L.

The ears 2 and 4 are preferably bent a little to the rear out of the plane of the body 1 on the lines 15, to secure a better mounting of the supporter on a garment, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth. In the manufacture of the device the said bends 15, may be made at any step in the operation of forming the supporter, and it will be understood that the precise shape and size and material of the blank are unimportant, except that by preference it is made of sheet material sufficiently stiff to retain its shape when in use.

In Fig. 6 is illustrated how the supporter is attached to the garment,—in this case trousers. The upper and lower ears 2 and 4 are passed through the material at the inner side of the waist-band or in other words the lining, and are stitched or sewed to the burlap or stiffening B by threads or other attaching means passing through the eyes 3 and 5 and through the burlap. It is not nec-

essary that the attaching means extend through to the front side of the waist band, nor even through to the rear side thereof, and hence they will be hidden and only the middle hook portion disclosed. A neat and pleasing appearance is thus secured, and especially so because of the bends 15, in the ears, by reason of which the latter lie flat against the inner side of the lining while the central portion of the supporter lies flat against its outside. Furthermore, because of the said upper and lower ears providing points of fasten at opposite sides of the hook proper in a vertical line, or above and below the point of engagement of the loop, great stability is given the supporter and freedom from all lateral motion or swinging. At the same time there is no waste of stock in forming the long lower ear, as is clearly shown in the drawings. This lower ear, 4, passes through the slit in the garment until the broad rounded shoulders formed at the opposite sides of the base of said ear by the bottoms of the hook 10, engage the garment to take the strain upon the supporter in use. A broad firm bearing upon the garment is thus secured, so that considerable weight may be sustained without any undue tendency to tear the garment or pull it out of shape; in fact these shoulders play a most important part in my invention in this respect.

The upper and lower ears 2 and 4 respectively, upon which the supporter is mounted are inclosed or hidden, but the rest of the supporter is exposed, so that the tape or other part supported engages only the metal surface and does not rub against the trousers so as to wear a hole in the same. It will be noted that the hook 10 terminates short of the upper ear 2 for this purpose.

It will be noted that the upper part 13, of the hook proper flares outward to readily receive the loop, and while the point 11, of said hook normally lies close enough to the body of the supporter to prevent any inadvertent passing of the loop, still by a little pressure the resiliency of the hook permits such pas-

sage to be purposely forced with ease. Engagement and disengagement of the loop are thus convenient, and nevertheless a secure holding is obtained.

I intend my improved supporter to be used in other places than on trousers, as for instance to support a lady's skirt or to connect her waist and skirt.

Obviously the invention is applicable to garments in many different ways, and I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself by the above description except as the state of the art may require.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new is:—

1. The herein described garment supporter, consisting of a single piece of sheet material having in its lower part a U-shaped cut and its peripheral portion outside said cut bent upward and forming a hook with rounded bottom shoulders, the middle portion of said lower part remaining substantially undisturbed and forming a fastening ear adapted to be inserted in a slit in a garment with the said rounded turns of the hook forming at opposite sides of said ear at its base broad bearing surfaces to engage the garment, and an upper ear at the top of the supporter.

2. The combination with a garment having parallel slits, of a supporter consisting of a single piece of sheet material having at its top an ear and in its lower part a U-shaped cut, the peripheral portion of said lower part being bent upward to form a hook which lies opposite the body portion of the supporter, and the central portion of said lower part of the body forming a lower projecting ear in substantially the same plane with the upper ear and adapted to coöperate therewith in entering the said slits in the garment, the body of the supporter lying between said slits and providing a seat of exposed metal.

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